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CHERAW MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

His second arrest in 17 months

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of George Walter Krauss (DOB: 08/5/1938) of Cheraw, S.C. on eleven (11) counts involving the sexual exploitation of minors. The Attorney General's Office, which supervises the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest.

The ICAC Task Force received a CyberTipline Report from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that images depicting children engaged in sexual activity had been disseminated from an email account traced to Krauss' residence. A search warrant was executed on July 17, 2014 by special investigators from the ICAC Task Force and the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office (an ICAC member). A computer and computer-related equipment were seized for further investigation.

Krauss was arrested and charged with eleven (11) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor second degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count. Bond was set at \$71,500.

Krauss was previously arrested on February 15, 2013 and charged with three (3) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, third degree (§16-15-410). That case is still pending.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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